

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

March 11, 2015

This is a regular meeting of the Mansfield Township Committee. The notice requirements of the law have been satisfied for this meeting by notice to the Star-Gazette and the Express Times of the time, date and location thereof. Notice was also posted on the announcement board located in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mrs. Kocher, Mrs. Korczukowski, Mayor Clancy

Salute to the flag was done by all.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the passage of the minutes from the regular meeting on February 25, 2015, which was seconded by Mrs. Kocher.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mrs. Kocher, Mrs. Korczukowski, Mayor Clancy

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

BILL LIST:

Mr. Watters asked about the bill for legal transcription.

Ms. Hrebenak stated that this was for court and is required.

Mr. Watters made a motion to approve the bill list holding payment for purchase orders 150163 and 150121, which was seconded by Mrs. Kocher.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mrs. Kocher, Mrs. Korczukowski, Mayor Clancy

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

CLERKS REPORT:

Ms Hrebenak stated that we are interested in doing a Budget meeting Monday at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Watters stated that we should schedule to meet at 6:00pm.

The Committee agreed to meet on Monday at 6:00pm for a budget meeting.

Mayor Clancy requested that an email be sent out to the emergency services requesting their needs.

FINANCE REPORT:

Mr. Daniel stated that he will have appropriations listing for the township committee, there are a

number of capital projects that need to be discussed, there was an emergency note that he believes we may be able to pay off. Mr. Daniel stated that Mr. Ferry will be present at the March 25 meeting to discuss the budget.

EMPLOYEES REPORTS:

Mrs. Fascenelli stated that the Green Team is trying to schedule a Town Wide Yard Sale and the committee has been presented and also a registration form.

Mrs. Korczukowski made a motion to approve the paperwork for Town Wide Yard sale registration and flyer, which was seconded by Mrs. Kocher.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mrs. Kocher, Mrs. Korczukowski, Mayor Clancy

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

RESOLUTION:

2015-37

Resolution of the Township of Mansfield Calling for the Legislature and the Administration to Adopt a New, More Sensible Approach to Affordable Housing

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2013, the New Jersey Supreme Court decision In re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 & 5:97 by N.J. Council on Affordable Housing, 215 N.J. 578 (2013) invalidated the round three regulations adopted by the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) in 2008 and charged COAH with the responsibility of adopting a third iteration of round three regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court also invited the Legislature and the Governor, to devise a new legislative-based approach to affordable housing in our State and promised to show enormous deference to any new legislative pronouncement; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court extended the five month deadline it established in In re Adoption Of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 and set May 1, 2014 as the deadline for COAH to propose new round three regulations, and October 22, 2014 as the deadline for COAH to adopt new round three regulations; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2014 the COAH Board met and were unable to adopt new regulations due to a 3-3 vote, creating more uncertainty and turmoil for municipalities; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2015 the New Jersey Supreme Court heard argument in a motion brought forth by the Fair Share Housing Center asking the Court to strip COAH of its authority and return implementation of the Fair Housing Act to the Court, thereby potentially exposing municipalities to costly litigation; and

WHEREAS, the confusion and uncertainty that has resulted from costly court actions, prolonged litigation and the lack of reasonable guidance demonstrates the need for a new State housing policy based on good planning, incentivizing participation and the provision of additional affordable

housing; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor should seize this opportunity to reform the State's housing laws and implement a statewide housing plan predicated on good planning, providing incentives, directing funding to assist municipalities and protect the interests of taxpayers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of Township of Mansfield that we urge the Governor and the State Legislature to partner with municipalities and enact legislation to implement a reasonable and rational state affordable housing policy which promotes rational planning, seeks to achieve results with available housing funding and incentives, encourages partnerships, and protects the interests of taxpayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey, the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, Senator Doherty, Assemblyman DiMaio, and Assemblyman Peterson, the President of the New Jersey State Senate, the Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Mr. Misertino made a motion to approve the passage of Resolution 2015-37, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mrs. Kocher, Mrs. Korczukowski, Mayor Clancy

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mayor Clancy spoke to the people present and explained the salt issues and the road conditions.

Mr. Minter, Mount Bethel Road, asked if this is something that is factored into the budget now. Mr. Minter proposed that the Township fix what they can and then have a maintenance plan in place.

Maureen Flora, 7 Highland Avenue, spoke about the conditions of the roads and requested that the Township Committee consider placing stop signs throughout the Township.

Elizabeth Griggs, Mount Bethel Road, asked about the timeline for the Codification company. Mrs. Griggs asked about the posting on the website and if we could get the information on the page as it is supposed to be. Mrs. Griggs questioned if the Executive Session minutes will be posted also.

Tom Garabed, Janes Chapel Road, asked what the short term plan is for the roads.

Mayor Clancy stated that we are cold patching right now and will continue to fix the roads that we are able to.

COMMITTEE PERSON COMMENTS:

Mrs. Korczukowski stated that she had nothing to report.

Mrs. Kocher stated that we are still working on the interviews for the Deputy Clerks position.

Mrs. Kocher made a motion to approve the court offices being closed on Friday March 20 in the afternoon, which was seconded by Mr. Watters.

Ayes: Mr. Misertino, Mr. Watters, Mrs. Kocher, Mrs. Korczukowski, Mayor Clancy

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mr. Misertino had nothing to report.

Mr. Watters stated that the Environmental Commission has a presenter coming on Thursday March 19 to discuss the Emerald Ash borer.

Mr. Watters stated that Guy Baggerly resigned from the Open Space Committee and the Open Space would like to have Carren Thomas appointed.

Mayor Clancy appointed Carren Thomas to the Open Space Commission.

Mr. Watters asked about the Economic Development Committee and the requests for appointment that was received from Russ Onderko.

Mrs. Kocher stated that we are still working to fill the positions on the Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Clancy asked if there was any old business to be discussed; seeing no one had anything to discuss Mayor Clancy moved on.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Clancy asked if there was any old business to be discussed; seeing no one had anything to discuss Mayor Clancy moved on.

Mrs. Korczukowski made a motion to adjourn at 8:37, which was carried by all.